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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NAMES NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN ATLANTA

Kenneth E. Black, 52, has been appointed director of the Atlanta Regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Director Lynn A. Greenwalt announced today. He succeeds C. Edward Carlson, who retired in March.

Black will supervise Fish and Wildlife Service programs throughout the Southeastern United States, including the operation of 34 National Wildlife Refuges, 23 fish hatcheries, and nearly three dozen law enforcement agents, biological installations, and cooperative units in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Black has been a career Fish and Wildlife Service employee since 1951. Prior to this appointment he served as the Service's Associate Director for Environment, with primary responsibility for ecological studies of development projects on rivers, streams, coastal and marine areas, and energy production projects nationwide.

Black has specialized in environmental studies since 1959 when he served on the United States team assisting the Province of Manitoba in analyzing the effects on fish and wildlife of the Grand Rapids Hydroelectric project on the Saskatchewan River.

His three years in the Washington office of the Fish and Wildlife Service were preceded by an eight year period in Portland, Oregon, when he headed up the Service's river basin studies program in the Pacific Northwest.

Black was a Congressional Fellow of the American Political Science Association in 1966-67 and is a member of the Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society.

A native of Waterville, Washington, Black is a 1949 graduate of Washington State University with a degree in wildlife management. He continued at Washington State University in 1949-50, majoring in mathematics.

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